

In the Claims:

1 (currently amended). A socket driving device, comprising:
a first member having a longitudinally ~~arranged~~ disposed driving shaft formed of a durable, rigid material and configured to have a striking surface ~~on one~~ end and a distally located mounting end;
the striking surface end having a first lateral cross-sectional area and the mounting end having a second lateral cross-sectional area that is substantially the same as the first lateral cross-sectional area;
a first coupling protrusion ~~on another~~ extending from the mounting end, the first coupling protrusion being substantially square in lateral cross-section;
~~said first coupling protrusion being configured for releasable positively engaged coupling to a complementary configured recess~~
a second member having a receiving end that is configured to releaseably receive the mounting end of the first member and a distally located socket-mounting end, the first member being longer in the longitudinal dimension than the second member in that same dimension;
the receiving end having a third lateral cross-sectional area and the socket-mounting end having a fourth lateral cross-sectional area, wherein the fourth lateral cross-sectional area is greater than the third lateral cross-sectional area and the lateral cross-sectional area of the second member expands from the third cross-sectional area to the fourth cross-sectional area; and
a second coupling protrusion extending from the socket-mounting end, the second coupling protrusion being substantially square in lateral cross-section.

2 (currently amended). The device of claim 1, further comprising:

~~an adapter having a driving shaft coupling end and a socket coupling end;~~
~~said adapter having a coupling recess formed on said driving shaft coupling end and a second coupling protrusion formed on said socket coupling end~~ wherein the lateral cross-sectional area of the second

member expands substantially continuously from the receiving end to the socket-mounting end.

3 (currently amended). The device of claim 2_1, further comprising:

an extender having a ~~driving shaft~~ first member coupling end and a ~~socket~~ second member coupling end;

~~said extender having a coupling recess formed on said driving shaft coupling end and a coupling protrusion formed on said socket coupling end~~ the extender having a fifth lateral cross-sectional area that is substantially the same as the first or second lateral cross-sectional areas.

4 (currently amended). The device of claim 2_1, wherein the ~~surface area of said driving shaft coupling end and the surface area of said socket coupling end are different in size~~ second member has a substantially flared shape, expanding towards the socket-mounting end.

5 (currently amended). The device of claim 2_1, wherein the ~~said~~ the first coupling protrusion and ~~said~~ the second coupling protrusion have different sized lateral cross-sectional areas.

6 (currently amended). The device of claim 3, wherein ~~said~~ the extender is configured for releasable coupling between ~~said driving shaft~~ the first member and ~~said adapter~~ the second member to extend the distance of ~~said adapter~~ the second member from ~~said driving shaft~~ the first member.

7 (currently amended). The device of claim 1, ~~further comprising a socket mounting surface provide about said first coupling protrusion and configured to facilitate delivery of a substantially uniform drive force to a socket~~ wherein the second lateral cross-sectional area of the first member mounting end and the third lateral cross-sectional area of the second member receiving end are substantially the same.

8 (currently amended). The device of claim 1, wherein ~~said first protrusion includes a biased member that facilitates said releasable coupling~~ the first member has a substantially uniform lateral cross-sectional area along its longitudinal length to transfer a striking force from the striking surface end to the mounting end, while having a tapered depression towards a mid-span thereof.

9 (currently amended). A socket driving device for driving a socket used in seal mounting or other purposes, comprising:

a socket driving member configured to be held by a human hand when in use and including a striking surface, a socket mounting surface and a socket engaging mechanism;

said striking surface being formed of a metallic material and configured to withstand a driving blow;

said socket mounting surface being provided substantially opposite said striking surface and being substantially planar and radially disposed so as to provide a substantially uniform drive force to a socket being driven by said device; and

said socket engaging mechanism including a socket coupling protrusion configured for releasable coupling to a socket;

wherein said socket driving member includes a first section and a second section, said first section including said striking surface and said second section including said mounting surface and said socket engaging mechanism, said first and second sections being releasably couplable to one another;

wherein said first section includes a first section protrusion and said second section includes a complementary coupling recess, wherein said first section protrusion is configured for coupling to at least one of said second section and a socket;

wherein said first section protrusion and said socket coupling protrusion have different lateral cross-sectional areas to accommodate different sized sockets; and

wherein the lateral cross-sectional area of said second section at said mounting surface is greater than the lateral cross-sectional area of said second section where the second section couples to the first section.

10 (currently amended). The device of claim 9, wherein said ~~protrusion extends from said mounting surface and includes a biased member that facilitates releasable coupling to a socket~~ second section expands in lateral cross-sectional area from where said second section couples to said first section to said mounting surface.

11 (currently amended). The device of claim 9, wherein said ~~socket driving member includes a first section and a second section, said first section including said striking surface and said second section including said mounting surface and said socket engaging mechanism, said first and second sections being releasably couplable to one another~~ second section has a substantially flared shape, expanding in lateral cross-sectional area towards said mounting surface.

12 (currently amended). The device of claim ~~11~~ 9, wherein said first section ~~includes a first section protrusion and said second section includes a complementary coupling recess, wherein said first section protrusion is configured for coupling to at least one of said second section and a socket~~ is greater in a longitudinal dimension than in a lateral dimension and greater in the longitudinal dimension than said second section.

13 (currently amended). The device of claim ~~12~~ 9, wherein said first section protrusion and said socket coupling protrusion each have different lateral cross-sectional areas to accommodate different sized sockets a lateral cross-sectional shape that is substantially square.

14 (currently amended). The device of claim 9, wherein said ~~socket driving member includes a first section, a second section and a third section, said first section including said striking surface, said second section including said mounting surface and socket engaging mechanism, and~~ further comprising a third section, said third section being removably coupled between said first and second sections to extend the distance from said striking surface to said mounting surface and socket engaging mechanism.

15 (currently amended). The device of claim ~~11~~ 13, wherein the ~~surface area of said mounting surface is greater than the lateral cross-sectional surface area of said first section~~ wherein said first section protrusion and said socket coupling protrusion have different lateral cross-sectional areas to releaseably couple to and drive different sized sockets.

16 (currently amended). A socket driving device for driving a socket used in seal mounting or other purposes, comprising:

~~a socket driving member configured to be held by a human hand when in use and including a striking surface, a socket mounting surface and a socket engaging mechanism;~~

~~said striking surface being formed of a rigid, durable material and configured to withstand a driving blow;~~

~~said socket mounting surface being provided substantially opposite said striking surface and being disposed so as to provide a substantially uniform drive force to a socket being driven by said device; and~~

~~said socket engaging mechanism configured for releasable coupling to a socket~~

a longitudinally disposed first socket driving member formed of a durable, rigid material and configured to have a striking surface end and a distally located mounting end, the socket mounting end having a first socket coupling protrusion extending therefrom;

wherein the first socket driving member has a first lateral cross-sectional area at the striking surface end and a second lateral cross-sectional area at the mounting end, the first and second lateral cross-sectional areas being substantially the same;

wherein the first socket driving member is configured to be longer in the longitudinal dimension than the perpendicular lateral dimension;

wherein the first socket driving member has a substantially uniform lateral cross-sectional area along its longitudinal length to transfer a striking force from the striking surface end to the mounting end; and

wherein the first socket coupling protrusion has a lateral cross-sectional shape that is substantially square.

17 (currently amended). The device of claim 16, ~~wherein said socket engaging mechanism includes a first coupling protrusion configured for releasable coupling to a socket~~ further comprising:

a second socket driving member having a receiving end that is configured to releaseably receive the mounting end of the first socket driving member and a distally located socket-mounting end, a second coupling protrusion extending from the socket-mounting end;

wherein the receiving end has a third lateral cross-sectional area and the socket-mounting end has a fourth lateral cross-sectional area;

wherein the first socket driving member is longer in the longitudinal dimension than the second socket driving member is in that same dimension; and

wherein the second coupling protrusion is substantially square in lateral cross-section.

18 (currently amended). The device of claim 16, ~~wherein said socket driving member includes a first section and a second section, said first section including said striking surface and said second section including said mounting surface and said socket engaging mechanism, said first and second sections being releasably couplable to one another~~ the fourth lateral cross-sectional area is greater than the third lateral cross-sectional area and the lateral cross-sectional area of the second member expands substantially continually from the third cross-sectional area to the fourth cross-sectional area.

19 (currently amended). The device of claim 18, ~~wherein said socket engaging mechanism includes a first releasable coupling protrusion and said first section includes a second releasable coupling protrusion, and the lateral cross-sectional areas of said first and second releasable coupling protrusions are different to accommodate different sized sockets~~ the first member has a tapered depression towards a mid-span thereof.

20 (currently amended). The device of claim 18, further comprising a third section releasably couplable between ~~said~~ the first and second sections to extend the distance from ~~said~~ the first section to ~~said~~ the second section.